

471-000-233 Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (42 CFR 483.430)

A Qualified Mental Retardation Professional is an individual who –

1. Has at least one year of experience working directly with persons with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities; and
2. Is one of the following:
  - a. A doctor of medicine or osteopathy;
  - b. A registered nurse; or
  - c. An individual who holds at least a bachelor's degree in a professional category specified below:
    - (1) Professional program staff must be licensed, certified, or registered, as applicable, to provide professional services by the state in which s/he practices. Those professional program staff who do not fall under the jurisdiction of state licensure, certification, or registration requirements, specified in 42 CFR 483.410(b), must meet the following qualifications:
      - (a) To be designated as an occupational therapist, an individual must be eligible for certification as an occupational therapist by the American Occupational Therapy Association or another comparable body;
      - (b) To be designated as an occupational therapy assistant, an individual must be eligible for certification as a certified occupational therapy assistant by the American Occupational Therapy Association or another comparable body;
      - (c) To be designated as a physical therapist, an individual must be eligible for certification as a physical therapist by the American Physical Therapy Association or another comparable body;
      - (d) To be designated as a physical therapy assistant, an individual must be eligible for registration by the American Physical Therapy Association or be a graduate of a two-year college-level program approved by the American Physical Therapy Association or another comparable body;
      - (e) To be designated as a psychologist, an individual must have at least a master's degree in psychology from an accredited school;
      - (f) To be designated as a social worker, an individual must –
        - (1) Hold a graduate degree from a school of social work accredited or approved by the Council on Social Work Education or another comparable body, or
        - (2) Hold a bachelor of social work degree from a college or university accredited or approved by the Council on Social Work Education or another comparable body;

- (g) To be designated as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist, an individual must –
  - (1) Be eligible for a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology granted by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association or another comparable body, or
  - (2) Meet the educational requirements for certification and be in the process of accumulating the supervised experience required for certification;
- (h) To be designated as a human services professional an individual must have at least a bachelor's degree in a human services field (including, but not limited to sociology, special education, rehabilitation counseling, and psychology).